Revising Condition of TUFS

683. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is proposing to revise the conditions of the Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme;

(b) if so, the details of the revision;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Fouth Indian Mills Association is vehemently opposing the move of the revision; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) The Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) is a dynamic scheme and a large number of relaxations have been made in the scheme based on the feedback received from the industry in order to make the scheme industry friendly. However, at present this Ministry has no proposal to revise any condition of TUFS.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Does not arise.

Circumstances leading to Suicide by Shobhini Rajan

684. SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI:
SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Shobhini Rajan was the national rowing champion since 1997;

(b) under what circmsances she recently committed suicide;

(c) whether she was offered a job which was not given and the award of Rs. 1,00,000/- which was announced in 2002 was also not given; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that due to being neck-deep in debt and being injured, she knocked almost all doors for financial help which was not given forcing her to commit suicide?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI SUNIL DUTT): (a) Late Ms. Shobhini Rajan has been a National champion in rowing since 1998.